will the Government be pleased to state whether they are convinced that among the departments in the State the Registration Department does not stand last in respect to the possession of qualified hands?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—In some of the other departments the percentage of unpassed to passed hands in the clerical establishment is higher. Vide answer to question No. 101 of the last Makaram Session.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What is the pay of unpassed clerks in other departments ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It may vary. Because some unpassed hands have been given exemption in 1090. Such people may be in higher grades. Generally unpassed hands are not recruited nowadays.

Audit of the transactions of the Trichur Municipal Council.

88. **Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.**—Will the Government be pleased to state if it has received the Report of the Special Audit recently held in regard

(a) to the transactions of the Trichur Municipal Council; and if so, when it was received;

(b) will the Government be pleased to place a copy of it on the table;

(c) has the Government passed final orders thereon?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes. On 5th May 1934.

(b) and (c) Government have not passsed final orders on it and so regret that it cannot be placed on the Council table at present.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know when final orders are likely to be passed in this matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I cannot give any definite answer. It will be passed as soon as possible.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Is the Government aware of the urgency of the matter especially in view of the fact that many petitions have been sent by some leading people of the place?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have not seen any petition to that effect. But as a matter of course orders have to be passed very soon and they will be passed without delay.

District Registrars—Promotion to the judicial line.

89. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be

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pleased to state whether the doors of the Judicial Department have been closed against the District Registrars who are Graduates-in-Law?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Were the claims of District Registrars who are Graduates-in-Law considered recently in the matter of appointments to the Judicial Department?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They were considered.

Collection of metals on road sides.

90. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the reasons for not stopping the practice of collecting metals on the sides of narrow roads;

(2) are not such instances increasing every year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Steps are being taken to widen the roads and to provide metal tables on road sides according to necessity and availability of funds every year.

(2) No.

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